UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
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U.S. UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY,	
Plaintiff	CIV: 07 CIV 8690
-against-	JUDGE SWEET
MEL-MAR REALTY CORP., FRANK RIVERA, MECHANICAL HEATING SUPPLY, INC., JOSE AMADEO ZELAYA and MARIA ZELAYA	
Defendants	
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ANSWER AND COUNTER CLAIM

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN ENSPERIENT OF SHEET Filed 12/03/2007 Page 2 of 6 U.S. UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY Civil Action No. 07 CIV 8690 Plaintiff Judge Sweet -against-MEL-MAR REALTY CORP., FRANK RIVERA. MECHANICAL HEATING SUPPLY, INC. JOSE AMADEO ZELAYA and MARIA ZELAYA, **Defendants** The Defendant(s) FRANK RIVERA, MEL-MAR REALTY CORP., and MECHANICAL HEATING SUPPLY, INC., their attorneys, as and for their Answer to the Complaint herein, allege(s) as follows: 1. Denies, upon information and belief, the allegations of paragraphs: 4, 8, 9, 10, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, 58, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75. 2. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs: 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 14, 17, 24 3. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 19 except admits a policy was in effect as stated in paragraph number 12 of complaint. 4. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 22 except admits Jose Amadeo Zelaya was hired by

defendant Mechanical Heating Supply, Inc.,

5. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the Case 1:07-cv-08690-RWS Document 6 Filed 12/03/2007 Page 3 of 6 truth of the allegations of paragraph 23 except admits Jose Amadeo Zelaya was hired by defendant Mechanical Heating Supply, Inc.

truth of the allegations of paragraph 54 except admits policy was in effect as stated in

paragraph 12 of complaint.

lawsuit.

6. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

- 7. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
- truth of the allegations of paragraph 62 except admits policy was in effect as stated in paragraph 12 of complaint.
- 8. As to paragraphs 18, 53 and 61 repeats and reallegs all of the above mentioned denials and admissions.
- 9. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 67 except admits plaintiff received notice of the

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFITMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

10. Plaintiff failed to disclaim coverage in a timely fashion.

AS AND FOR A COUNTER CLAIM

11. Defendant repeats, reiterates and reallegs all of the above admissions and

denials.

12. Defendant is claiming attorneys fees for the defense of this action.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants demand judgment dismissing the Complaint, Case 1:07-cv-08690-RWS Document 6 Filed 12/03/2007 Page 4 of 6

together with costs, disbursements and attorneys fees.

Commack, New York 11725

Dated: November 20, 2007

Yours, etc. ŔØBERT Ĉ. WIRTN FÉLBERBAUM, HALBRIDGE & WIRTH Attorneys for Defendants Mel-Mar Realty Corp, Frank Rivera & Mechanical Heating Supply, Inc. 357 Veterans Memorial Highway

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APPEARANCE

MEL-MAR REALTY CORP., FRANK RIVERA, MECHANICAL HEATING SUPPLY, INC., JOSE AMADEO ZELAYA AND MARIA ZELAYA Defendants Case Number: 07CIV 8690

To the Clerk of this court and all parties of record:

MEL-MAR REALTY CORP., Enter my appearance as counsel in this case for FRANK RIVERA & MECHANICAL HEATING SUPPLY, INC.

I certify that I am admitted to practice in this court.

Date 11/26/2007

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Rule 7.1 Statement

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 [formerly Local General Rule 1.9] and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for

MEL-MAR REALTY CORP, FRANK RIVERA & (a private non-governmental party)
MECHANICAL HEATING SUPPLY, INC.

certifies that the following are corporate parents, affiliates and/or subsidiaries of said party, which are publicly held. NONE.

Date: November 26, 2007

Signature of Attorney

ROBERT C. WIRTH

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